

I am opposed to this proposal. The petitioner may indeed feel that Part 97 Amateur Service rules precluding the use of PMR 446 radios in the US are essentially unenforceable, but that should not be a reason for allowing individuals to transmit on frequencies which they are not permitted to operate in this country without the proper licensing, just as amateur operators from this country have restrictions from transmitting on frequencies not allocated for amateur use in countries they are visiting. We already have problems with unlawful operations in the 70cm amateur band from European sailors who are licensed for frequencies in that range in other countries, who then use those radios while in our ports. If this petition is granted, it will complicate the attempts to confirm those transmissions which have a legitimate right to be on those frequencies. Radios that transmit on FRS frequencies in this country are readily available at prices which make them easily within the budget of any visitor that can afford to make the trip here. This makes no more sense than allowing tourists from United Kingdom to drive on the left side of the road while they are here, just because they have the equipment to do it at home. We have to abide by the laws of the country we are in.